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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2009.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1,3-10 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1, 3-10 and 13-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment, remarks and declaration under 1.132 filed on 1/26/09.

Status of claims

Claim 2 is cancelled and claims 11-12 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 3-10 and 13-20 are currently examined in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1, 3-10 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,645,476 ('476).

Patent '476 , discloses a water-soluble co-polymer for use in cosmetic compositions, wherein the co-polymer contains a macro- monomer having a hydrophobic moiety and one or more olefinically unsaturated co- monomers which contain a sulfur atom (see abstract and col. 2, lines 18-28). Patent discloses that the co-polymers have a number molecular weight of 1,000-1, 5000,000 g/mol (see col. 4, lines 1-15). See col. 3 paragraphs 1-5, compositions comprising a copolymer wherein one monomer is acrylamidopropylmethylenesulfonic acid (AMPS) or its salts and one or more macro monomers including esters of methacrylic acid with alkyl ethoxylates which include 5 to 80 ethylene oxide (EO) units and/or (C10-C22)-alkyl radicals. In col. 2 lines 50-65 patent discloses a series of olefinically unsaturated monomers. Patent discloses at col. 11, Example 2, a general polymerization procedure wherein NH₃-neutralized AMPS, Genapol U-080 containing 10-1.8 carbon fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers with 8 EO units, a macro monomer, t-butanol and AIBN are reacted. Further patent discloses at col. 3 paragraphs 1

and 2 that the degree of neutralization is preferably between 70-100% meeting the partially neutralized form or a totally neutralized. At col. 4 paragraph 2, patent teaches that the polymers have a number-average MW of from 1000-20,000,000 g/mol, preferably 20,000 to 5,000,000, particularly preferably 100,000 to 1,500,000 g/mol. In col. 4, paragraph 7, patent discloses that the viscosities of the 1% strength aqueous solutions are preferably from 20,000 mPas to 100,000 mPas, in particular 60,000 mPas to 70,000 mPas. Patent discloses in col. 4 paragraphs 8 and 9 that the polymers are prepared by free-radical copolymerization with preference given to precipitation polymerization with tert-butanol. Patent discloses in col. 2 under example B olefinically unsaturated comonomers and at Col. 4 paragraph 3 teaches that in a preferred embodiment the polymers are cross linked, i.e. they contain at least one cross linker having at least two double bonds, which is copolymerized into the polymer. In col. 2 patent discloses preferred embodiments A and B and details macro monomers. Patent discloses at col. 4 paragraph 2 that the polymers can be random and in col. 3 paragraph 1 and 2 that the olefinically unsaturated acids of the polymers can be neutralized by monoalkylammonium, dialkylammonium, trialkylammonium, or tetraalkylammonium where the alkyl substituents of the ammonium ions are (C1-C22)-alkyl radicals. The monomer as presented in formula (I) of the application is disclosed by patent at col. 2, lines 25-50.

Patent at col. 3, ll 35-60 discloses suitable macro monomers and at lines 60-64 discloses using iso-(C16-C18) fatty alcohol polyglycol ethers with 25 EO units. The molar proportion of monomer units are anticipated by patent at col. 3 line 65 and col. 4 line 8. Patent discloses 0.5% by weight of amphiphilic copolymer in example 42. Patent discloses in example 43 an ONV after

sun milk composition, in example 45 a W/O cream, in example 46 a body wash, in example 47 a baby shampoo, in example 48 an antidandruff shampoo, and in example 50 a hair gel.

Patent discloses that the co-polymers are used in combination with anionic, nonionic, cationic, zwitterionic and amphoteric surfactants to form cosmetic compositions (see col. 6, line 8-col. 7, and line 54). Patent at col.9, ll 49-63 discloses co-emulsifiers and this includes polyglycerol esters. These compounds read on claimed lipophilic emulsifier. Examples 41-51, disclose formulation compositions that contain the water-soluble co-polymer in combination with various surfactants, water and solvents. See col.9, lines 10-14 for emulsions. This includes claimed oil-in-water emulsions (O/W). Examples 41-43 are drawn to O/W emulsions.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 1/26/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicants' argue:

"The '476 patent describes oil-in-water emulsions in Examples 41-43 while the other examples are water-in-oil or water-based compositions. Example 41 includes a hydrophilic co-emulsifier (sodium cocoyl glutamate) and Examples 42 and 43 contain no co-emulsifiers. The '476 patent suggests the possibility of emulsions (including oil-in-water, col. 9, lines 1 I-15) and the inclusion of co emulsifiers, such as Sorbitan esters and others (see col. 9, lines 27-63). However, none of the Examples provided in the '476 patent include a lipophilic emulsifier and the mere suggestion to include a co-emulsifier in col. 9, lines 27-63 fails to illustrate

the importance of a lipophilic emulsifier as opposed to another type of emulsifier, particularly considering the rather long and general list of other surfactants, which themselves can act as emulsifiers in certain instances”.

In response to the above argument, patent ‘476 discloses all the limitations claimed in the instant application. Patent ‘476 at col.9, ll 48-63 does not disclose long list of emulsifiers. Patent at col.9, ll 48-63 discloses polyol esters like polyglycerol poly ricinoleate and polyglycerol poly 12-hydroxy stearate. These compounds belong to lipophilic emulsifier. Applicants’ attention is drawn to page 11 of instant specification. Specification teaches lipophilic emulsifiers are chosen especially from polyol esters.

Response to Amendment

The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed on 1/26/09 is insufficient to overcome the rejection because **declaration can not overcome 102 (e) rejection.**

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1,3-10 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent 6,645,476 (‘476).

If it can be argued that the claims are not anticipated, they are certainly obvious over patent ‘476. See the all the relevant portions outlined above.

One of ordinary skill in the art would prepare the compositions in the form of oil-in-water emulsions using the amphiphilic polymer and one lipophilic emulsifier and use it for topical application taught by patent ‘476.

Response to Amendment

The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed 1/26/09 is insufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 1, 3-10 and 13-20under 35 U. S. C. 103 based upon U. S. Patent 6,645,476 ('476) as set forth in the last Office action because:

Only one example was shown in the declaration . One compound belonging to amphiphilic polymer was tested. What is the mole percent of AMPS (this belongs to component (A)). Claim 1 recites the mole percent of AMPS as 80 mol % to 99 mol%. Example A in the declaration is silent with respect to mole percent of AMPS.

Genapol LA-070 belonging to component (B) was tested. What is R2, n in Genapol LA-070?

One compound belonging to lipophilic emulsifier was tested. This compound is “ sucrose tristearate”.

The testing in the declaration is not commensurate with the scope of claims.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JYOTHSNA A. VENKAT whose telephone number is 571-272-0607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30-7:30:1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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